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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI - PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

REFS: A) STATE 074905 B) WARSAW 2510

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST CONTACTED AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI ON MARCH 24 AND TOLD HIM HE WANTED PERSONALLY TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THERE WAS NO MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING QUESTION OF PRESENTATION OF THE AMBASSADOR'S CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT.

2. VEST EXPLAINED THAT, GIVEN THE DEMANDS ON THE PRESIDENT'S TIME, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR A PRESENTATION CEREMONY PRIOR TO HIS TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA. HOWEVER, A TENTATIVE DATE FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS HAD BEEN SET FOR APRIL 7, SUBJECT TO RECONFIRMATION ON THE PRESIDENT'S RETURN. VEST SAID THAT THE DELAY HAD NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH US-POLISH RELATIONS, AND NOTED THAT SEVERAL OTHER AMBASSADORS (GHANA, BOLIVA, ITALY, NEW ZEALAND) CONFIDENTIAL

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WERE ALSO INVOLVED. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR PROTOCOL PRACTICES, THE AMBASSADOR IN THE MEANTIME WAS FREE TO ACT AS THOUGH FULLY ACCREDITED, AND INVITED HIM TO BEGIN MAKING CALLS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

3. AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR VEST'S EXPLANATION, AND SEEMED RELIEVED TO LEARN THAT THERE WERE

SEVERAL AMBASSADORS IN THE SAME SITUATION. HE GAVE NO INDICATION, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD BEGIN MAKING CALLS BEFORE PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT.

4. COMMENT - WE BELIEVE WE HAVE NOW DONE ABOUT ALL WE CAN FROM HERE TO REASSURE SPASOWSKI AND THE GOP ON THIS POINT. WE WILL INFORM YOU WHEN DATE FOR CEREMONY IS DEFINITELY RECONFIRMED. COOPER

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